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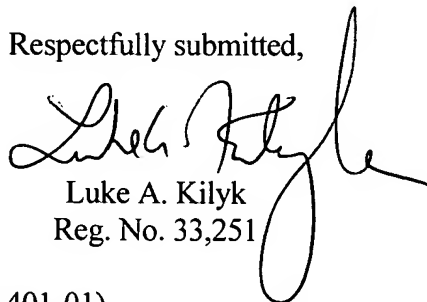
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	R	WO 96/15283	05/23/96	WIPO				

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